



LANA GIFAS

As the Executive Director of the Women's Mentoring Network, Inc. (WMN), a non-profit that for over 30 years has helped unemployed and underemployed women to find professional careers, has worked tirelessly to serve the needs of the community during COVID-19. Throughout the pandemic many of WMN's clients experienced unemployment, food insecurity, and a lack of health insurance so Lana made sure the organization quickly pivoted resources to help get those most in need and their loved ones through these tough times. Efforts shifted more toward the distribution of food (and other necessities) and online education with the intent of helping members, especially those who are unemployed, make the most out of their time during the pandemic. The members of WMN, especially those who come from immigrant families and who have no one to turn to about their needs during this difficult time, are so grateful for her efforts.